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REF: AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON NOTE NO. 25 OF 30 DEC 66

1. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION, US NAVAL  
FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND CONTRACTS THAILAND  
(OICC THAILAND), WHO IS LOCATED IN BANGKOK, RECENTLY WAS  
DESIGNATED THE DOD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AGENT FOR A  
PORTION OF THE FACILITIES BEING CONSTRUCTED AT DIEGO  
GARCIA ISLAND. IN THIS CAPACITY, OICC THAILAND HAS  
REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING AVAILABILITY AND EXTENT  
OF MAURITIAN ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION  
AND SURVEYING TALENTS WHICH MIGHT BE  
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CONTRACTED OR EMPLOYED AT SOME FUTURE DATE IN CONNECTION

WITH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITIES. INQUIRY  
IS BASED ON REQUIREMENT OF 1966 BIOT AGREEMENT (REF A)  
FOR PREFERENTIAL RECRUITMENT/UTILIZATION OF UK/BIOT  
WORKERS FROM ADJACENT AREAS.

2. LACK OF AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION REGARDING EXTENT AND  
AVAILABILITY OF BIOT LABOR RESOURCES HAS BEEN CITED BY  
REPRESENTATIVE OF BIOT COMMISSIONER ON DIEGO GARCIA IN  
RECENT DENIAR OF ISLAND ENTRY PERMITS TO THIRD COUNTRY  
NATIONAL (I.E., NON-US/UK) ARCHITECT-ENGINEER PERSONNEL  
UNDER OICC CONTRACT. FURTHER DELAY COULD SERIOUSLY  
JEOPARDIZE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION EFFORT. OICC DESIRES  
DETAILED REPORT OUTLINING AVAILABLE MAURITIAN ENGINEERING  
TALENT, INCLUDING SKILL LEVELS, PROJECT EXPERIENCE, RATES,  
AND PERSONNEL RESUMES. REPORT WOULD BE USED AS BASIS FOR  
CONSIDERATION OF MAURITIAN TALENT AS FUTURE REQUIREMENTS  
ARISE. ADDITIONALLY, REPORT WOULD BE PREFERENCE IN REQUESTS  
FOR ISLAND ENTRY PERMITS FOR TCNS WHEN BIOT LABOR IS NOT  
AVAILABLE. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, OICC IS  
PREPARED TO APPROPRIATE US EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND TO GATHER  
DESIRED INFORMATION. VISIT WOULD BELOW-KEY, CONDUCTED  
BY DOD GS-13/14 CIVIL SERVANT AND/OR NAVY CIVIL ENGINEER  
CORPS OFFICER.

3. ANCILLARY TRIP PURPOSE WOULD BE TO GATHER DETAILED  
HISTORIC DATA REGARDING DIEGO GARCIA RAINFALL FOR USE IN  
GROUND WATER STUDY AND WATER SYSTEM DESIGN. UNDERSTAND  
DATA IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF METEOROLOGY,  
VACOAS. DATA IS NOT LOCALLY AVAILABLE IN BANGKOK.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE SENT DIRECTLY TO OICC THAILAND.  
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